

## IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please insert the following new paragraph at page 1, before line 10:

--BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION

Field of the Invention--.

Please insert the following new paragraph at page 1, between lines 24 and 25:

--Related Art--.

Please insert the following new paragraph at page 2, before line 1:

--SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION--.

Please insert the following new paragraph at page 4, between lines 28 and 29:

--BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS--.

Please insert the following new paragraph at page 5, between lines 20 and 21:

--DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF THE PREFERRED EMBODIMENTS--.

Please amend the paragraph at page 12, lines 6-8, as follows:

--The following step E212 makes it possible to carry out looping ~~round~~  
around all the symbols  $M_1$  to  $M_L$  of the message. For each loop, a current symbol  $M_i$  is  
considered.--